King County	Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention Adult Divisions General Policy Manual	
	Chapter 6 **Classification**	
6.03.004, Security Threat Group Management	Approved By:	Director John Diaz
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Purpose
To describe the procedures for identifying and managing inmates who act either individually or collectively to promote Security Threat Group (STG) activity and/or disrupt the orderly operations of department facilities. The inmate(s) may be part of a known STG (such as a street gang) or any group of inmates acting together (such as a terrorist group). To properly track STG members for official department, use and to share STG information appropriately with local law enforcement and corrections agencies.

Policy
It is the policy of the department to provide a method for identifying inmates who potentially pose a safety/security risk due to affiliations with groups known for violent and/or disruptive activity. Unless these inmates engage in group safety/security risk behavior, they shall be managed on an individual basis as dictated by classification standards and procedures. The department does not segregate inmates based on STG Status alone.

References

Department Forms: Security Threat Group Member Reporting Form (F-696)

Definitions
Criminal Street Gang: Any ongoing organization, association, or group of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, having a common name or common identifying sign or symbol, having as one of its primary activities the commission of criminal acts, and whose members or associates individually or collectively engage in or have engaged in a pattern of criminal street gang activity. This definition does not apply to employees engaged in concerted activities for their mutual aid and protection, or to the activities of labor and bona fide nonprofit organizations or their members or agents.
Security Threat Group (STG): Three or more inmates acting together to disrupt operations or pose a threat to the safety or security of staff or other inmates. STG's include known street gang members, prison gang members, or any group of inmates acting together.
Security Threat Group Review Reporting Form (F-696): A form used to provide classification staff with the name(s) of inmates who either report or give the appearance of being involved with an STG.
Security Threat Group Report (STGR): A daily computer printout listing in-custody inmates who are identified as having current or prior STG affiliation.

Security Threat Group List (STGL): A department spread sheet used to document all "Validated STGs."

STG Liaison Group (STGLG): A team consisting of one Special Investigations Unit (SIU) Sergeant and one Corrections Program Supervisor (CPS) (or designee), who shall meet as needed to review inmates or reported situations which may have involved organized STG activity. Vital STG Information shall be shared up the Chain-of-Command (COC).

A. General Guidelines

1. During their initial classification interview, inmates shall be asked about affiliations with threat groups. This shall be recorded by a Y (yes) or N (no). Any significant information received shall be recorded in the inmate's electronic classification record and in the Criminal Background Notes record. If there is validated STG information in the Criminal Background Notes from past bookings, these shall be forwarded and noted as a Y (yes) in the electronic record. Should there be any conflicting information on an inmate's current STG Status, these shall be reviewed by a Classification Supervisor and/or SIU.
2. The STGLG shall meet as needed and may attend local Intelligence Meetings, as approved by the Chain-of-Command.
3. Inmates with an STG designation shall be managed in the same manner as other inmates. An STG designation alone does not preclude program participation or impact housing status or security level.

B. STG Identification & Designation

STG members shall be identified by self-report, DAJD staff observation by (F-696), or outside agency reporting. (A STG status reported by another agency must be reviewed and entered by a supervisor). Classification Program Specialists (CPS) shall document STG information via the electronic records and utilize an on-line Security Threat Group List of all "Validated STGs" as a reference.

1. Self-report: The inmate acknowledges STG affiliation to a staff member. Classification staff shall then make appropriate entries in the classification file.
2. Staff report: The staff member should report suspected STG affiliation to classification staff via the Security Threat Group Member Reporting Form (F-696). The report shall be reviewed by a classification supervisor who shall follow up and make appropriate entries in the classification file. STG status given to an inmate is considered "Validated", and may be entered into the WA State Gang Database, when three or more of the following apply:
   a. Admitted gang membership or affiliation.
   b. Gang related tattoos.
   c. Possession of gang paraphernalia (i.e., documents, bandannas, or graffiti).
   d. Displaying of gang related clothing or jewelry.
   e. Uses gang related monikers.
   f. Identified as an individual affiliated with a criminal street gang based upon reliable information.
   g. Possesses photographs with other gang members.
   h. Displays hand signs or verbiage in a context that indicates gang affiliation.
   i. Associates with known STG members/criminal street gang members.
   j. Involved in criminal street gang related crimes or STG activities in jail.
   k. Identified as a gang member by another gang member.
   l. Name or moniker(s) appear in a gang document(s) (to include internet postings) or in gang graffiti.

m. Targets victims or property from a rival gang or crosses out rival gang graffiti.

3. Outside agency reporting: Any credible information received from an outside law enforcement agency shall be forwarded to a classification supervisor for evaluation and entry into the inmate's classification file.